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 : INTO TARGET CELLS WITH
 : RETROVIRUS

Customer No.: 035811

Docket: 1333-DIV2-00

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CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a one month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated August 13, 2003 from November 13, 2003 to December 13, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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